IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following new claims 15-42:

--15.   A contractor/customer ordering computer program product, tangibly embodied on a machine-readable medium, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

initiate a contractor/customer ordering computer program;

receive data entered by a contractor/customer in response to a display initiated by the ordering program and identify a specific supplier, corresponding to the data, from a plurality of potential suppliers;

display a menu from which the contractor/customer selects a classification of construction materials or products, the contractor/customer further selecting a set of construction materials or products within the classification;

display a set of specific material or product names corresponding to at least one of the selected construction materials or products, the set of specific material or product names being dependent on the identified supplier such that the set includes only names of specific materials or products that are provided by the identified supplier;

in response to the contractor/customer selecting one or more of the displayed specific material or product names and a specific quantity desired for each selected specific material or product name, record the specific material or product name and a quantity for each specific material or product name selected;

generate a list displaying the specific material or product name and a quantity for each individual specific material or product name selected;

enable the contractor/customer to access either a SKU number, a UPC, a bar code, or a material or product number for each individual material or product name selected; and

cause data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information entered into the ordering program to be transferred to the intended supplier.

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16. The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the step of causing data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to be transferred to the intended supplier is performed by the contractor/customer ordering computer program itself directly transferring the data from the list and the data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to the intended supplier.

17. The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the product number, SKU number, UPC, or bar code is specific to the identified supplier.

18. The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the plurality of potential suppliers are affiliated with separate and distinct companies.

19. The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the data corresponding to the list and the data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information is transferred electronically.

20. The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the data corresponding to the list and the data pertaining to the contractor/customer identification information is transferred by facsimile transmission.

21. The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 wherein the supplier comprises a national chain.

22. The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 further comprising instructions for downloading a current list of costs for each specific material or product from the specific supplier.

23. The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 further comprising instructions for returning a cost estimate from the supplier to the contractor/customer.

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24. The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 further comprising instructions for requesting a date of delivery of the construction materials or products from the supplier.

25. The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 further comprising instructions for providing a confirmation from the supplier to the contractor/customer.

26. The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 wherein the construction materials or products comprises one or more of foundation, plumbing, framing, and roofing materials or products.

27. The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

28. A method for communicating construction material data or construction product data from a contractor/customer to a specific supplier of construction materials or products, the method comprising:

initiating a contractor/customer ordering computer program;

entering data in response to a display initiated by the ordering program, the ordering program identifying a specific supplier, corresponding to the data, from a plurality of potential suppliers, and selecting a classification of construction materials or products from a menu displayed by the ordering program;

selecting a set of construction materials or products within the classification;

the ordering program displaying a set of specific material or product names corresponding to at least one of the selected construction materials or products, the set of specific material or product names being dependent on the identified supplier such that the set includes only names of specific materials or products that are provided by the identified supplier;

selecting one or more of the displayed specific material or product names and a specific quantity desired for each selected specific material or product name, the ordering program

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recording the specific material or product name and a quantity for each specific material or product name selected;

the ordering program generating a list displaying the specific material or product name and a quantity for each individual specific material or product name selected;

the ordering program enabling the contractor/customer to access either a SKU number, a UPC, a bar code, or a material or product number for each individual material or product name selected; and

the ordering program causing data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information entered into the ordering program to be transferred to the intended supplier.

29.   The method of claim 28 wherein the step of causing data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to be transferred to the intended supplier is performed by the ordering program itself directly transferring the data from the list and the data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to the intended supplier.

30.   The method of claim 28 wherein the product number, SKU number, UPC, or bar code is specific to the identified supplier.

31.   The method of claim 28 wherein the plurality of potential suppliers are affiliated with separate and distinct companies.

32.   The method of claim 28 wherein the data corresponding to the list and the data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information is transferred electronically.

33.   The method of claim 28 wherein the data corresponding to the list and the data pertaining to the contractor/customer identification information is transferred by facsimile transmission.

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34.   The method of claim 28 wherein the supplier comprises a national chain.

35.   The method of claim 28 further comprising downloading a current list of costs for each specific material or product from the specific supplier.

36.   The method of claim 28 further comprising returning a cost estimate from the supplier to the contractor/customer.

37.   The method of claim 28 further comprising requesting a date of delivery of the construction materials or products from the supplier.

38.   The method of claim 28 further comprising providing a confirmation from the supplier to the contractor/customer.

39.   The method of claim 28 wherein the construction materials or products comprises one or more of foundation, plumbing, framing, and roofing materials or products.

40.   The method of claim 28 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

41.   A system comprising an ordering computer and a contractor/customer computer interconnected by a network:

the ordering computer being programmed to initiate a contractor/customer ordering computer program;

the ordering computer being programmed to receive data entered by a contractor/customer in response to a display on a contractor/customer computer initiated by the ordering program and identify a specific supplier, corresponding to the data, from a plurality of potential suppliers;

the ordering computer being programmed to cause a display of a menu on the contractor/customer computer from which the contractor/customer selects a classification of

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construction materials or products, and, upon selection of a classification, to cause a display of a menu of a set of construction materials or products within the classification;

the ordering computer being programmed to cause a display on the contractor/customer computer of a set of specific material or product names corresponding to at least one of the selected construction materials or products, the set of specific material or product names being dependent on the identified supplier such that the set includes only names of specific materials or products that are provided by the identified supplier;

in response to the contractor/customer selecting one or more of the displayed specific material or product names and a specific quantity desired for each selected specific material or product name, the ordering computer being programmed to record the specific material or product name and a quantity for each specific material or product name selected;

the ordering computer being programmed to generate a list displaying on the contractor/customer computer the specific material or product name and a quantity for each individual specific material or product name selected;

the ordering program being programmed to enable the contractor/customer to access either a SKU number, a UPC, a bar code, or a material or product number for each individual material or product name selected; and

the ordering computer being programmed to cause data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information entered into the ordering program to be transferred to the ordering computer.

42.   The system of claim 41 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the receipt of any Office Action for this patent application.

Claims 15-42 are pending with claims 15, 28, and 41 being independent. Support for new claims 15-41 is found in the specification at page 1, lines 3-12 and page 4, lines 15-20, and in

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